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New York District

BOQUET RIVER, NY

Flood Control and Environmental Restoration Study

FACT SHEET

DESCRIPTION: The Boquet River Basin and Tributaries located in Essex County, New York. This study area is situated approximately 175 miles north of Albany. The problems in the Boquet River Basin are flooding and streambank erosion due to high river stages and high velocity flows. The Boquet River Basin covers approximately 300 square miles of land area in the Adirondack State Park. The headwaters originate in the Adirondack Mountains and flow in a northeasterly direction to the mouth of the river, which discharges into Lake Champlain.

This mountainous northern region is affected by both fluvial and ice-jam flooding as is evident by the damages caused in the January snowmelt / ice-jam flood event and the November '96 fluvial flood event. Areas within the basin are also plagued by continual erosion of the streambanks due to the steep channel gradients, which leads to degraded water qualities adversely affecting fisheries habitat. In January 1998, this region was granted a Presidential Disaster Declaration due to freezing rain, icing and flooding which lead to widespread power outages. Most recently, a disaster declaration was issued for the June 1998 flood event that caused the washout of many small bridges and took one life.

AUTHORIZATION: U. S. House of Representatives Resolution Docket 2529 dated May 7, 1997 authorizes the study of the Boquet River, Essex County, New York.

STATUS: The State of New York Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has expressed its intent to sponsor this project and is prepared to enter into a feasibility cost sharing agreement (FCSA) for project feasibility, via letter dated 27 May 1997. The Corps finalized the section 905(b) in September 1998, and is currently finalizing the Project Management Plan for conducting the Feasibility Phase. The NYSDEC has recently programmed funding for the feasibility study. The NY District and the NYSDEC will sign a FCSA once the project management plan is finalized, and funds have been programmed.

PROJECT COST: To be determined (Project Management Plan currently being finalized).

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